

CDF's Magalia Reforestation Center



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Are trees available to the general public?

A: Yes

Q: When can I order seedlings?

A: We start processing orders in mid-November and start shipping the first part of December. We generally shut down our storage coolers in the beginning of May. Exceptions may be made for orders destined for higher elevation planting sites. Post card reminders are sent to customers on our mailing list in the fall. To be included on this list, please call (530) 872-6301.



Q: How are seedlings shipped?

A: Seedlings are generally shipped via United Parcel Service. Shipments go out Monday through Wednesday for delivery prior to the weekend. Shipping usually takes two days or less in California.

Q: How are the seedlings packaged?

A: Bareroot seedlings are packed in coated paper bags with damp wood shavings around the roots. Waxed cardboard boxes are used to protect the bags that are shipped via UPS or other commercial shipper.

Q: What is the recommended spacing for planting?

A: A spacing of 10' to 12' is commonly used. This equates to 435 to 302 trees per acre. Choosing good planting spots is more important than following a rigid spacing pattern. Space seedlings outside the drip line of the crown of mature trees.

Q: Should I water my seedlings?

A: Seedlings planted in their native seed zone and elevation should be able to survive without watering in most circumstances. Periodic Watering can help trees planted on harsher sites survive through the first summer. Don't over-water. The soil should be permitted to dry out between watering.



Q: Should I mulch around my seedlings?

A: Weed free mulch can help maintain soil moisture around a seedling and retard weed competition. Make sure that mulch is not touching the base of the seedling to prevent fungus problems.

Q: Should I fertilize my seedlings?

A: Fertilizer should not be necessary if your planting site was naturally growing trees some-time in the past.

Q: Where can I find planting tools and seedling protection supplies?

A: Planting tools and supplies can be purchased from forestry equipment suppliers such as Ben Meadows (<http://www.benmeadows.com/>), Forestry Suppliers (<http://www.forestry-suppliers.com/>). Terra Tech (<http://www.terratech.net/>), and Bailey's Chainsaw and Logging Supply (<http://www.baileys-online.com/>). *(Note: no endorsement of these companies is intended by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection.)*

Q: I have ordered containerized seedlings from the Davis nursery (L. A. Moran Reforestation Center) in the past. Can I still get seedlings from there?

A: While our seed bank and cone processing center are still in operation at Davis, we are not presently growing seedlings there. A limited number of containerized seedlings are being grown for the public at the Magalia Reforestation Center. If you are interested in container seedlings for future plantings, please let us know the species and quantity you would like to order. We are considering reopening the container nursery in Davis again, so the amount of interest in these type seedlings will help to justify our reopening this facility.



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